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TITLE: METHOD OF PRODUCING A SHEET STEEL PRODUCT SUCH AS A REINFORCEMENT ELEMENT IN A LARGER STRUCTURE

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following Second Preliminary Amendment in order to place the claims of the above-cited application in better condition for examination.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1, 2 and 4-10, without prejudice.

Please add the following newly presented claims.

--11. A method of making a sheet steel product comprising the steps of:

providing a steel sheet of a given size;

providing a tool for holding the steel sheet;

positioning the steel sheet in the tool;

heating the steel sheet to an austenitizing temperature;

hot forming a steel sheet product out of the steel sheet

while using the tool;

hardening at least a portion of the steel sheet product to a hardness;